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PURPOSE

The Office of Community Service was created through the combined efforts of the 1993 Montana Legislature and the Office of the Governor. We support community-based volunteer programs that address critical community needs. The vision of this office is to ensure that helping each other becomes a primary part of every Montanan's life and heritage. We accomplish our vision by:

- Renewing the ethic of civic responsibility,
- Encouraging young people to serve in ways that benefit both their communities and their own personal and professional development,
- Building on existing resources to expand community service, and
- Encouraging citizens to engage in community service.

"Our own actions may seem insignificant; but when we all join together and volunteer, we can make an enormous difference in the lives of each other and our communities."

-Governor Marc Racicot

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MONTANA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

FACT SHEET

THE MONTANA COMMUNITY SERVICE ACT

The 1993 Montana Legislature, at the request of Governor Racicot, enacted the Montana Community Service Act (90-14-101 MCA, formerly HB660), which is the focus for Montana state government's involvement in all phases of community and volunteer services. The Montana Governor's Office of Community Service was established with the purpose of renewing the ethic of civic responsibility in the state; encouraging Montana citizens to engage in full-time or part-time service. This service is a call for people to volunteer to participate in projects that would benefit not only the state, but improve their own lives through the acquisition of literacy, job skills, and interpersonal skills. Building on existing organizational framework of state and local government entities, the service opportunities are designed for full and part-time positions in a wide variety of programs for all citizens, particularly youth and older Montanans, creating activities that would not otherwise be performed by employed workers. Finally, the Montana Community Service Act is designed to establish corps to accomplish labor-intensive improvements to public or low-income properties or to provide services for the benefit of the state, its communities, and its people through service contracts that specify the work to be performed by these corps.

THE NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM

The Montana Governor's Office for Community Service was established in 1993 to implement the nation's AmeriCorps program and engage citizens of all ages and backgrounds in community-based service. The office carries out AmeriCorps concepts, and supports a range of national and community service programs providing opportunities for participants to serve full-time or part-time, with or without pay, as individuals or as part of a team. AmeriCorps encourages thousands of Americans to help communities address their toughest challenges while earning support for college, graduate school, or job training. The Learn and Serve program has been established in eight schools in Montana to offer service learning, and a heightened sense of awareness of the need for community service in the lives of many young people. People of all ages are being encouraged to support their communities and make Montana citizens stronger, safer, healthier and equipped with problem-solving skills. The Montana National Senior Service Corps is in charge of three programs that give older citizens the opportunity to become involved in their communities - Foster Grandparents, RSVP and Senior Companions.

THE AMERICORPS PROGRAM

AmeriCorps joins a long tradition of programs encouraging and rewarding service programs, such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Montgomery GI Bill, and the Peace Corps. AmeriCorps projects are locally driven and community-based, and, like earlier programs, it has a long-term vision for America.

Getting Things Done - AmeriCorps will help a community meet its educational, public safety, human, or environmental challenges through direct and demonstrable services. Every AmeriCorps program becomes a powerful model for communities to apply their own efforts towards getting things done.

Strengthening Communities - While we celebrate the ways we differ, we also need to remember the values we share. AmeriCorps unites individuals and institutions of all kinds in a common effort to improve our communities in Montana.

Encouraging Responsibility -Through service and civic education, AmeriCorps enables Members to see themselves as problem-solvers, not problems; to become leaders, not just followers; and to act on their responsibilities as well as their rights.

Expanding Opportunity - AmeriCorps helps those who help America. Members receive skills, invaluable experience, and helpful scholarships or loan repayment for school or job training. Strengthening our youth will strengthen Montana.

AMERICORPS PROGRAM PRIORITIES

AmeriCorps programs undertake service that would not otherwise be provided and that has a maximum impact upon Montana communities. The need exists. We desire to respond in these areas:

Public Safety - Work with programs in public agencies or community-based organizations o provide a wide range of support services to victims of crime and to help link victims to other providers of information and services within the justice system and community.

Environment - Initiate innovative programs in low-income areas that promote sustainable communities by reducing environmental risks and conserving natural resources.

Human Needs - Improve the health and school readiness of young children through child care, Head Start, and other pre-school Programs; programs to improve parenting skills, and community-based efforts to provide comprehensive services

to families with young children.

Education - Broaden or coordinate the range of services available through schools such as tutoring, after-school enrichment programs, service-learning, health and child care services and efforts to involve parents in their children's education as a part of a comprehensive strategy to improve school achievement and knowledge retention.

AMERICORPS MEMBERS

There are over 400 AmeriCorps programs and over 25,000 AmeriCorps Members volunteering across the country. AmeriCorps includes two national programs which are managed by the Corporation: AmeriCorps*VISTA and AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps. There are over 4,000 AmeriCorps*VISTA Members serving to develop programs, mobilize resources, and build capacity for service programs across the nation. AmeriCorps*NCCC is an innovative new program in which AmeriCorps Members live and train on downsizing military bases while undertaking service projects - particularly those focused on the environment in the surrounding region.

In Montana, the **Montana Conservation Corps** is working to provide upkeep on over 160 miles of trail through our national parks, and other wilderness areas. Restoration and preservation of many public sites and buildings is under way. **Volunteer Montana!** has recruited hundreds of volunteers to provide everything from clean up days to medical care for the disadvantaged. **Montana Campus Corps** is organizing college students across Montana and helping them find meaningful service opportunities in the communities where they attend college. Another program serving our state, **Green Lights Project Partners**, surveys the lighting used in public buildings and schools. Recommendations are made on how they can be made more energy efficient and thus save taxpayers money. In the following pages, you will discover how far reaching and important the Montana Service Act has become to our state.

AMERICORPS MEMBER BENEFITS

Members who successfully complete a 1700 hour term of service receive educational awards. The educational award for full-time Members is $4,725 and the educational award for part-time Members who serve 900 hours is $2,362.50. The educational award must be used seven years from completion of service to pay for the costs of attendance at an institution of higher education, the costs of approved school-to-work programs, or the costs of repaying qualified student loans. Full-time Members also receive a small living allowance of approximately $7900 per year.

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AMERICORPS*USA State Competitive Programs

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The Montana Conservation Corps started the summer of 1992 with Commission for National Service funding as a summer program. It was organized to enhance the social and natural environment of Montana by providing opportunities for AmeriCorps Members to serve in natural and human resource stewardship. Members train and volunteer primarily on natural resource related projects such as construction and repair of trails, park improvements such as construction of shelters, making playground facilities handicapped accessible, or building safe playgrounds. Members plant trees, rehabilitate stream beds, repair damage caused by weather or vandalism, and participate in emergency assistance such as flood relief activities. The Corpsmember also becomes involved with a variety of community projects ranging from constructing affordable housing to repair of public building or homes for the elderly of our state. In addition, hazardous waste inventories and earthquake preparedness inventories are also done for communities and public buildings.

The Montana Conservation Corps set many objectives for 1996, including training Members and volunteers, providing housing for disadvantaged citizens by constructing two homes, and repairing 20 others occupied by senior citizens. In addition, MCC set a goal of restoring and protecting natural resources, improving wildlife habitat and public access

through the construction and maintenance of 110 miles of trails and 10 miles of fence. Improving 15 of our state's parks has also been an objective, and the reports that follow from each of five site areas show that the Montana Conservation Corps is getting things done in Montana.

Another program that operates as part of the Montana Conservation Corps is **corpsLINK**. Probation referred juvenile offenders work with the MCC crews to complete their community service projects. The corpsLINK Program has five components that provide a comprehensive service to juvenile probation departments, service agencies, schools and parents. These components are called WEB, SERVE, MENTOR, MEDIATE, and GROUP and are designed to open communication and provide services for the community, the victims, and the juvenile offender.

To improve and instill a service ethic in AmeriCorps Members, full time crews complete three Service Learning Projects during their term. These projects are designed and developed on their own by the crews and include such worthwhile projects as renewing and restoring the Jeanette Rankin Peace Center Bike Bank in Missoula, volunteering for food drives for the Helena Friendship Center and the Humane Society, developing recycling programs in Kalispell, organizing outdoors skills training in the Bridger Alternative School, and restoring badly damaged trails in the Blue Mountain Recreational Area.

Many complimentary works projects are also completed by MCC crews for non-profit and other public agencies. These projects, often accomplished with the help of volunteers organized by the crews, provide a great service to our state. Cleaning up after flooding, building fence and painting for the Humane Society, or decorating rooms for a youth home are projects that are beneficial to everyone. Members shoveled walks for the elderly, removed willows and debris choking a city canal, cut and stacked driftwood, picked up trash, and painted public buildings. One Bozeman corpsmember worked with Montana State University to put together a water quality project that will ultimately mark storm drains in an effort to prevent pollution.

Overall, in the last two years that MCC has operated, 185 AmeriCorps Members have worked with 169 sponsors to complete 313 projects for a total of 147,574 hours.

"MCC changed my life. I went from being a close minded punk headed no where to a respectable, caring citizen of Montana." - Anonymous

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Sponsor	Project	Members
Red Cross	Flood Relief	6
Bozeman Parks & Recreation	Landscaping Bozeman Ponds	3
Lewis & Clark Caverns	Trail Resurfacing	10
Project Wet	Marking Storm Drains	10
Bozeman Chamber	Earthquake Assessment	10
Gallatin Valley Land Trust	Office Painting	4
Bozeman Senior Center	Painting, Senior Home Repair	8
Emerson Cultural Center	General Painting	10
Humane Society	General Cleaning	10
Salvation Army of Bozeman	General Cleaning	12
Food Bank	General Help	6
Adopt-A-Highway	Debris Disposal	8
Gallatin Valley Land Trust	Paint Ball Removal	10
East Gallatin Park	Building Bozeman Pond Trail	6
Gallatin Valley Winter Fair	Debris Disposal	18
Gallatin Valley Land Trust	Maintenance of Pete's Hill Trail	12
Hebgen Lake Ranger District	Ski Trail Repair, Noxious Weed Abatement	12
Girl Scouts of Bozeman	Camping Orientation	5
Dept. of Environmental Quality	Abandoned Mines Inventory	18
Bridger Alternative School	Outdoor Survival Skills	2
Bozeman Parks and Recreation	Border Fence Demolition	7

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Sponsor	Project	Members
Fish, Wildlife, Parks-Region 5-Lake Elmo	General Maintenance	7
Billings Head Start	Painting Building	7
Big Horn County Parks &	Arapooish Trail	7
Salvation Army of Billings	Sorting Clothing	7
Montana Rescue Mission	General Community Service	7
PLUK	Special Education Building	7
Living Stone	Flood Relief	7
Glendive Public Library	Reshelving	4
Dawson County Medical Clinic	Painting	5
Makoshika State Park	Trail Construction	5
Home on the Range	Fencing & Corrals	5
Dawson Community College	Trail & Picnic Shelter	5
Dawson County Fairboard	Fair Preparation	5
Dawson County Public Works	Dike Maintenance, Parks Work	5

"Since becoming part of the MCC in February, my life has changed a great deal compared to many other corpsmembers. Not because of the work, but because I am part of the residential program. We were brought together from all over the country and expected to work together from the first day. I knew this would be different from the other MCC crews. It has been great learning about so many people, places and things so easily. Whether it's explaining grits or finding out what a pulaski is, the MCC is a learning experience I wouldn't trade for anything." - Derrick Roberson

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Sponsor	Project	Members
Helena Housing Authority	Snow Shoveling	6
Salvation Army of Helena	Sorting Merchandise	6
Helena Food Share	Stocking & Sorting	6
Helena Parks Administration	Building Stone Retaining Wall	6
Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds	Miscellaneous Painting	6
Helena Parks Administration	Building Playground & Trails	6
Lewis & Clark Public Works	Sandbag Removal	6
Helena Parks Administration	Building Nature Park Trail	12
Habitat for Humanity	Carpentry at God's Love	6
Rocky Mountain Care Center	Senior Visitation	6
Florence Crittenton Home	Landscaping	6
City of Helena Recycling	Trash for Trees	6
City of Helena Recycling	Recycling Round-up	6
Glacier National Park	Logan Pass Revegetation	6
Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds	Playground Preparation	6
Nature Conservancy	Dancing Prairie Fencing	6
Townsend Ranger District	White Gulch Reclamation	6
Audubon Society	Helmville Tree Planting	6
Dept. of Environmental Quality	Helena Mines Inventory	18

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Sponsor	Project	Members
Missoula Parks & Recreation	Hazardous Waste Inventory	6
Missoula Human Resource Development Council	Wood Stove Conversion	6
Missoula Aging Service	Home Safety Inspections	6
National Bison Range	Douglas Fir Tree Thinning	18
Missoula Parks and Recreation	Maintenance of Rattlesnake Trail	6
Missoula Youth Homes	Youth House Painting	6
First Call for Help	Project Help	6
Feet First	Maintenance of Peery Park Trail	10
Dept. of State Lands	Phillipsburg Tree Planting	6
Missoula Ranger District	Blue Mountain Trail Reconstruction	6
Jeanette Rankin Peace Center	Bike Rack Remodeling	6
Humane Society of Missoula	Built Chainlink Fence	12
Missoula Urban Demonstration	Maintained Community Gardens	12
Lubrect Experimental Forest	Building Demolition	6
Missoula School District	Construction of Perry Park Benches	6
Dept. of Environmental Quality	Flood Relief	6
Fish, Wildlife, & Parks, Missoula	Building Wildlife Friendly Fence	6
Missoula Ranger District	Pasture Improvements	6
Missoula Urban Demonstration	Fencing Gardens	6

Montana Wildlife Habitat	Mall Display	6
Camp Make-A-Dream	Tree Planting	12
Dept. of Environmental Quality	Missoula Mine Inventory	6
Ninemile Ranger District	Historical Building Preservation	6
Ninemile Ranger District	Pasture Enhancement	6
Ninemile Ranger District	Ninemile Mine Reclamation	6
Feet First	Peery Park Tree Planting	6
Missoula Aging Services	Spring Beautification of Senior Home	12
Mountain Water Company	Built Water Wise Garden	6
Bright And Beautiful	Interstate Trash Pick-up	6
Feet First	South Hills Trail System	6
Feet First	Building Greenenough Trail	6
Hungry Horse Ranger District	Red Bench Fire Area	6
Ninemile Ranger District	Maintenance of Fish Creek Trail	6
Missoula Aging Services	Elderly Food Service	6

Members of MCC Working on Painted Hills Trail in Bozeman.

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Sponsor	Project	Members
Kila School	Classroom Renovation	7
United Way of Kalispell	Assorted Agencies	7
National Bison Range	Douglas Fir Tree Trimming	18
Flathead County Parks	Norwood Mistletoe Removal	7
Friends of the Swan	Nature Trail	7
Glacier Institute	Building Repair	7
Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Kalispell	Graffiti Removal	7
Flathead County Parks	Operation "Clean Sweep"	7
Kalispell Dept. of Environmental Safety	On Call-Disaster Relief	7
Kalispell Agency on Aging	Senior Home Repair	7
Human Resource Development Council of Kalispell	Transitional House Painting	7
Friendship Center	Food Drive	10
Kalispell Recycling	Recycling Setup	7
Murphy Lake Ranger District	Amphibian Inventory	7
Kalispell City Parks	Parks Clean-up	7
Kalispell City Parks	Woodland Pond Retention Wall	7
Flathead Animal Control	Cage Cleaning	7
Salish Kootenai Tribe	Diesel Creek Clean-up	7
Kalispell Dept. of Environmental Safety	Diesel Creek Clean-up	7

Montana Raft Company	River Clean-up	2
Fish, Wildlife, & Parks, Kalispell	State Park Reclamation	7
Tally Lake Ranger District	Amphibian Inventory	7
Wilderness Society	National Lands Day	7
Fish, Wildlife & Parks, Kalispell	Picnic Shelter/Nature Trail	7
Spotted Bear Ranger District	Bob Marshall Wilderness/Trail Maintenance	7

Nathan McTague and Leslie Dutcher work on the Yellowstone Signature Project in July of 1996.

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Montana Campus Corps is an AmeriCorps program operated by the Montana Campus Compact This program operates in both rural and urban areas and in partnership with tribal colleges. Campus Corps Members engage students on campuses in Montana to perform service work in their communities by providing leadership and coordinating activities. In an effort to get things done for the communities in which students attend college, Campus Corps is dedicated to fostering a deeper sense of responsibility and service ethic in the students who attend college in our state. In its first year, Montana Campus Corps consisted of 11 AmeriCorps Members and their campus supervisors. During the 1996-97 academic year, 36 AmeriCorps Members will be committed to spreading the vision of service learning on campus in the state of Montana.

Montana Campus Corps Member, Gary Lisle, helps dig a trail at Birch Creek during the Southern Tour of Service.

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Members: five

Projects: In the first semester of Montana Campus Corps involvement at MSU, one AmeriCorps Member helped coordinate the "Into the Streets" community sign-up marathon for twenty-two community agencies. They came to campus and enlisted over 600 volunteers to assist with service in Gallatin Valley. The Member connected 150 additional students with community agencies that needed their service. A Community Involvement Calendar was maintained weekly to keep current with needs and coordinate volunteers and a community leadership day was organized in which 480 4-H delegates to state Congress participated in twelve service projects.

This semester, five AmeriCorps Members are on board at MSU, and each has an agenda. One member will work with area schools to assess needs and to channel volunteers from the campus into the schools. Head Start and Prevent Child Abuse will also have volunteer services offered to them from the campus. The Internet WEB site will be operated by another Member, who will a coordinate activities and assess community needs. Plans for ten community agencies to be assisted with volunteers are in progress. Student volunteers will be recruited through the efforts of the AmeriCorps Member working with faculty. "Into The Streets" will continue to function as it did earlier with community agencies and student volunteers and an emphasis on helping children in the community.

Another Member is now a WEB page master and will specialize in helping the elderly with this expertise. This Member will also work with 80 resident hall assistants to design service projects for hall residents and will coordinate the Community Involvement Living Option floor. The fifth AmeriCorps Member will be a liaison to a variety of agencies and to the on-campus organizations that are based in the College of Agriculture, including 4-H, FFA and others. Together, they will set up service projects all over Montana.

"Those who participated in the service project were impressed by how they made such a difference by giving just a few hours." - Gary Lisle, AmeriCorps Member

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Members: eight

Projects: Three AmeriCorps Members served during the 95/96 school year. One of their projects involved the creation of a Youth Service Board which represents community agencies, organizations, and students cooperating together to meet the needs of youth in Dillon. High school dances and a youth theater program are initiatives that have been created to supply healthy activities for area youth. Other projects involved volunteer recruitment for the community's Dr. Martin Luther King Day clean up-project, a yard cleaning service supplied to elderly residents during National Service Week, a trail building project at the Birch Creek education Center, tutoring an adult education student, and the promotion of the campus Center for Service Learning.

During the academic year of 96/97, five more Members will join the service team. Efforts will focus on a cooperative project with K-12 service learning and large scale coordination of projects with the various non-profit agencies in Dillon.

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Members: eight

Projects: During the 95\96 academic year, two AmeriCorps Members worked on projects to build connections between the campus and community. Projects included the coordination of Camp Hope, a summer camp for victims of domestic violence, the Parent Involvement Institute, the annual Make a Difference Day project, which was

nationally recognized, and Dr. Martin Luther King Day project. Six new Members will join AmeriCorps service efforts for the 96/97 academic year. New projects include the establishment of the Great Falls Volunteer Center. This will be a community-based collaborative effort aimed at addressing identified needs by assisting local agencies and organizations to successfully engage volunteers. In addition, Members will provide volunteer assistance for several community agencies in Great Falls including the community Help line and Habitat for Humanity.

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Members: two

Projects: AmeriCorps Members' service focuses on the organization of local food drives, clean up projects for a lodge and two elementary schools, the creation of a community service award funded by the sale of note cards, assistance in recruiting volunteers for adult education students, and volunteer service to help maintain and improve the Bear Paw ski area in cooperation with the Chippewas Cree Tribe. Members also work with campus clubs, faculty and students to integrate service learning opportunities.

AmeriCorps Member, Lisa Jacques, paints a Havre elementary school playground with her helpers.

Campus: **Flathead Valley Community College - Kalispell**

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Members: three

Projects: The campus will begin Campus Corps activities during the 96/97 academic year by solidifying service learning structures on campus, expanding opportunities for service, and measuring the impact of service learning on the campus. The AmeriCorps Members will concentrate on the promotion of service learning and volunteer opportunities for faculty and students. Members will perform a series of presentations for students and faculty to introduce and encourage service learning.

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Members: two

Project: One of the AmeriCorps Members joined forces with a Volunteer Montana! Coordinator and many local businesses and organizations to organize the annual Clean Start Missoula project. The other Member trained and worked with the Adult Education Center as a tutor. During the 96/97 academic year, Members will serve to promote and initiate service learning activities and build campus and community partnerships.

Campus: **Salish Kootenai College** - Pablo

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Members: three

Projects: The AmeriCorps Member helped establish the Giving Tree Toy and Gift Drive, served as a coach for youth basketball, offered child care services for young mothers, leadership training classes, and did research projects for the college and community.

Two new AmeriCorps members will focus their service efforts on issues related to education in the local K-12 system involving tutoring, mentoring, teacher's aides and other support. In addition, the Members will assist in promoting service learning opportunities for faculty and students.

"I feel that I am accomplishing a lot and I am learning so much..."-Amy Verlanic, an AmeriCorps Member.

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Member: one

Projects: The AmeriCorps Member will develop community service assessment and implement service activities where the needs are greatest on the Blackfeet Reservation. The Member will direct campus volunteers and oversee the development of the various projects.

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Member: one

Projects: The AmeriCorps Member will develop and coordinate service projects in the community that solve unmet needs and offer students and faculty the opportunity to provide meaningful service. The Member will assist faculty to implement service learning courses, and monitor the integration of service learning into each of the College's educational programs.

"Be the change you want to see in the world" - Ghandi

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Member: one

Projects: The AmeriCorps Member is currently participating in projects that include helping to organize a Native American beadwork co-op, coordinating spring "BreakAway" service programs for students during spring breaks, and other projects to enhance service learning on campus.

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Member: one

Projects: The AmeriCorps Member participated in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home with 11 VISTA volunteers in celebration of Martin Luther King Day. The Member piloted a program titled Stars to Students, wherein she brought Montana Tech's portable planetarium to rural schools in the surrounding area and introduced over 1,000 Montana rural elementary students to astronomy.

"If you want to lift yourself up, lift someone else." - Booker T. Washington

MONTANA

AMERICORPS* USA State Formula Programs

VOLUNTEER MONTANA!

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Volunteer Montana! is a statewide multi-site community program designed to inspire citizens to take problem solving action in their own communities. Program participants mobilize others to carry out service projects that provide a direct benefit to the local community. Benefits to the community include physical projects such as renovating low-income housing, housing or home maintenance for senior citizens, and human service projects such as mentoring, child abuse intervention and assisting the hungry. In all cases, service activities result in specific service or community improvement that would not be provided with existing funds or volunteers, and that does not duplicate or displace existing services or paid employees. In all, 4435 volunteers have been mobilized to serve a total of 55, 777 hours across our state.

Site: **Police Department, Billings**

Supervisor: Rhea Grandahl

Volunteer Coordinator: Sherrie Kunn, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address:

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Billings, Montana 59103
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Project: The Community Policing Program has been established primarily by volunteers recruited by the Volunteer Montana! Coordinator. A contact station exists to handle non-emergency citizen complaints. Community volunteers are trained on customer service issues, police report writing and taking complaints of minor

violations of city and state laws. The operation of one or more Contact Stations will provide a timely response to non-emergency situations, and free up police officers to do more pro-active law enforcement.

Site: **Boys and Girls Club, Billings**

Supervisor: Joe Bloom

Volunteer Coordinator: Gwen Kircher, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: 505 Orchard Lane
Billings, Montana 59101-5027
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Project: The Late Night Youth Development Program has been developed by the club to address the need for a place for teenagers to spend their time in a safe environment. The program was implemented to help fight drug and alcohol abuse, teen violence, and to take kids off the streets of Billings at night. The program gained 60 new volunteers, allowing 100-200 youth participants on weekends, and 25-50 youth on week nights.

Site: **Department of Family Assistance, Cut Bank**

Supervisor: Terrie Button

Volunteer Coordinator: Katrina Wagner, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: 1210 East Main
Cut Bank, Montana 59427
(406)873-4113
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Project: This program addresses welfare reform in four rural counties. The Volunteer Coordinator recruited volunteers to train and make job-ready individuals on assistance. Welfare recipients are prepared to move into and maintain self-sufficiency. The result of the program will be development of a total of 30 work sites where 46 participant/volunteers will gain job skills.

Site: **Supporters of Abuse Free Environments(SAFE), Hamilton**

Supervisor: Star Jameson

Volunteer Coordinator: Leesa Page, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: P.O. Box 534
Hamilton, Montana 59840
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FAX (406) 363-2793

Project: The expanded program that will result from partnership with Volunteer Montana! provides the ability to contact 750 victims of domestic violence, resulting in their receiving skilled phone counseling. Fifty people will receive immediate handling by being placed in safe homes. A curriculum designed for children from homes where abuse is a regular feature will be received by 400 children. As many as 80 people will receive accurate information about the temporary restraining order process. They will be supported in filling out the forms and attending court. Finally, education about the frequency of domestic violence in the community will be given to 300 individuals, both adults and children.

"This project epitomized the spirit of service for me. Bringing community members together from diverse backgrounds to work on a critical need was an exceptional experience. To know that I was part of providing and creating this opportunity was exactly what I had hoped to do when I applied for this position." -Leesa Page

Site: **Ravalli County Getting Things Done, Hamilton**

Supervisor: Kathy Hammer

Volunteer Coordinator: Suzanne Reed, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: Courthouse Box 5009
Hamilton, Montana 59840
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Project: The Volunteer Montana! Coordinator at Ravalli County Getting Things Done has developed a Service Learning program to encourage volunteerism among school children, organize a Volunteer Clearinghouse to teach volunteers with community agencies, and create a court-ordered Community Service Program.

Site: **Florence Crittenton Home, Helena**

Supervisor: Bob Johnson

Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy Staat, AmeriCorps Member
Site Address: 901 North Harris
Helena, Montana 59604-4357
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Project: The Florence Crittenton Home is a home for unwed teen mothers that provides a number of services for its clients. The Volunteer Montana! objectives have been participation in providing day care, assisting in landscaping and maintenance, organizing recreation events, and engaging in outreach and public relations.

Site: **Helena Indian Alliance, Helena**

Supervisor: Francis Belgarde

Volunteer Coordinator: Raymond Kroll, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: 436 North Jackson
Helena, Montana 59601
(406) 442-9244
FAX(406) 449-5371

Project: The Volunteer Montana! Coordinator with Helena Indian Alliance developed three programs: The Four Directions Open House as a Native American family center, a Health Care Information Outreach to find and inform homeless people about available health care, and an outreach to Native American elders program that will recruit and train volunteers to help keep Native elders involved and independent.

"I set out to be as helpful as I could while learning as much as I could and choosing my challenges." - Suzanne Reed

Site: **Fergus County Council on Aging, Lewistown**

Supervisor: Candace Bowman

Volunteer Coordinator: Matt Erickson, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: 307 West Watson
Lewistown, Montana 59457
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Project: The Fergus County Council on Aging has created a volunteer center that includes a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) as well as the Volunteer Center (Lewistown United Volunteers). The volunteers from these two places are organized and strengthened by the Volunteer Montana! Coordinator. RSVP volunteers will work to assist homebound in independent living. The Volunteer Center will utilize volunteers on a number of projects, including a youth team which will crate a center where teens can gather, reducing underage alcohol consumption in this rural community by 1/3.

Site: **SAVES, Inc., Lewistown**

Supervisor: Sharon Powell

Volunteer Coordinator: Jillien Morga, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: P.O. Box 404
Lewistown, Montana 59457
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Project: SAVES, Inc. is a spouse abuse prevention program whose objective is to provide a minimum of 21 trained volunteers to serve as advocates for their clients. In addition, volunteers will be recruited to provide shelter care. Volunteer Montana!'s partnership with this prevention program enables services to be provided to 30% more clients and provides expansion of services to better serve six additional counties.

Site: **Libby Community Interagencies, Libby**

Supervisor: Barbara Guthneck

Volunteer Coordinator: Peggy Vennes, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: P.O. Box 390
Libby, Montana 59923
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Project: Volunteer Montana!'s objective was to mobilize 25 long-term volunteers for operating ParentShare, Getting Things Done, and Youth Activities. ParentShare targets fighting abuse and neglect through education, peer support groups, and child care provision for those attending groups. Getting Things Done addresses increasing volunteerism from 15 to 50 members in an effort to respond to a variety of community concerns including hunger, aging, and housing. The Youth Activities' objective was to encourage elementary and middle school education about drug and alcohol abuse.

Site: **Lincoln County Campus/Flathead Valley Community College, Libby**

Supervisor: William Kuba

Volunteer Coordinator: Tracy Gappa, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: 101 East Lincoln Boulevard
Libby, Montana 59923
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Project: Volunteer Montana!'s objective was to coordinate service learning projects for at least 24 students. They provided mentoring, tutoring, career orientation, literacy training and basic skills development to clients of agencies such as Head Start, Literacy Volunteers and the school's Adult Basic Education program.

Site: **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Miles City**

Supervisor: Mary Haydal

Volunteer Coordinator: Noel Gruba, AmeriCorps Members

Site Address:
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Miles City, Montana 59301
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Project: The Youth Mentoring Program objective in partnership with the Volunteer Montana! Coordinator was to recruit at least 30 new community volunteers through RSVP to help at-risk children and youth in Head Start, area schools (K-8), and the Juvenile Probation Office. In all, 175-200 children were served by this program.

Site: **Habitat for Humanity, Missoula**

Supervisor: Debra Hobson

Volunteer Coordinator: Tessa Carr, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address:
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Missoula, Montana 59807
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Project: The Volunteer Montana! Coordinator had the objective to mobilize at least 100 volunteers to perform a range of home repairs for low-income homeowners who have special needs for handicap access, or cannot afford needed repairs to their homes. A minimum of 20 homes were made more habitable for low income homeowners by effecting repairs as needed.

Site: **Missoula Aging Services, Missoula**

Supervisor: Kent Ellsworth

Volunteer Coordinator: Michael Loftis, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: 227 West Front
Missoula, Montana 59802
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Project: The Volunteer Montana! Coordinator launched the Home Maintenance Program. These volunteer-based home maintenance projects are designed to assist frail, elderly persons in Missoula County. Needs of 150 homes are projected to be met in one year. Assessments and improvements of homes begin with safety inspection and mitigation, followed by small repair service, such as faucets and steps, and moderate repairs that require a contractor's licensure. Special needs are then addressed and routine exterior maintenance projects are done as necessary such as lawn mowing, snow shoveling, and painting.

Site: **MT Food Bank Network Council, Missoula**

Supervisor: Peggy A. Grimes, Executive Director

Volunteer Coordinator: Sandi Geer, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: P.O. Box 2073
Missoula, Montana 59802
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Project: The Community Canning Program Project and the Salvage Gleaning and Dry Canning Programs are greatly helped by volunteers organized by the Volunteer Montana! Coordinator. It is estimated 356,000 pounds of food has been made available to feeding programs statewide from the Community Canning Program Project and that 15% of all donated foods that go throughout the state come from the Salvage Gleaning and Dry Canning Programs. The creation of a strong community volunteer program has enabled the MT Food Bank Network to maintain and expand on these essential programs.

Site: **Partnership Health Center**

Supervisor: Jeanne Sheils Twohig

Volunteer Coordinator: Melissa Johnson, AmeriCorps Member

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Missoula, Montana 59802
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Project: The objective of the Volunteer Montana! Coordinator was to recruit 20-40 new community volunteers to help provide 20% more patients with dental screening. In addition, 50% of pediatric patients were provided dental visits, and pharmaceutical companies increased the participation of their indigent programs with PHC by 20%. "No Show" appointments decreased by at least 5% and a comprehensive education program has been developed and implemented for patients.

Site: **Volunteer Action Services, Missoula**

Supervisor: Barbara Arnold

Volunteer Coordinator: Carla Culley, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: University of Montana/Davidson Honors College
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Project: The objective of the Volunteer Montana! Coordinator was to recruit more student volunteers (200) to provide the community with 15,000 hours of volunteer service. The focus of this service has been education, public, safety, human needs, and the environment. These five areas fall under the National Service priorities outlined in the AmeriCorps vision for the nation.

Tree planting with Volunteer Montana!

Site: **The Volunteer Clearinghouse, Missoula**

Supervisor: James Harris

Volunteer Coordinator: Nora Knell, AmeriCorps Member

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Missoula, Montana, 59802
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Project: The Volunteer Montana! Coordinator developed a Volunteer Clearinghouse to help non-profit and government agencies to respond to critical needs in the Missoula community. Projects include implementing a program for community cleanup, A Clean Start, a program called Radon Abatement, Yards of Service, a program providing assistance to homebound elderly persons, and more.

Site: **Missoula Housing Authority, Missoula**

Supervisor: Ed Mayer

Volunteer Coordinator: Sandi Geer, AmeriCorps Member

Site Address: 1319 East Broadway
Missoula, Montana 59802
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FAX (406) 549-6406

Project: Missoula Housing Authority, in cooperation with the United Way of Missoula and Missoula Parks and Recreation, developed a youth center to serve the needs of at-risk teens in Missoula. The Volunteer Montana! Coordinator recruited volunteers from around the community to develop the operational plan for the center, including its mission, policies and procedures, recommended activities, and potential sites.

"I am especially proud of Missoula's first All Women's Workday for Habitat for Humanity. Thirty-seven area women framed the exterior walls on the Cindy Nair's home. The effort was led by three women carpenters and the day was a wonderful experience." - Tessa Carr

Site: **Deering Clinic-Health Care for the Homeless, Billings**

Supervisor: Lori Weber

Volunteer Coordinator: Greg Pratt

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Billings, Montana 59101
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Project: The goal of this program was to provide quality, cost-effective health care to the homeless population in Billings. The Volunteer Montana! Coordinator developed a volunteer program to implement a plan of dental and health care for at least 150 homeless clients per year. At least 100 of these clients were placed in permanent housing, identified a stable source of ongoing health care and employment, or approved disability status during the year.

Site: **Youth Division - 10th Judicial Court, Lewistown**

Supervisor: Mike Otto

Volunteer Coordinator: Laura Singley, AmeriCorps Member

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Lewistown, Montana 59457
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Project: The need for guardians ad litem has created this partnership with Volunteer Montana! The objective for the guardian ad litem program to serve children in the community in need of temporary housing was to create 8-10 long-term community volunteers, doubling the number of available Guardians, decreasing the burnout rate due to excessive caseload, and increasing retention of trained and qualified volunteers.

Volunteer Coordinator: Cheryl Youngstrom

Project: An additional goal for Volunteer Montana! in Lewistown was to involve citizens in preventing recidivism among juvenile offenders. Volunteers provided supervision and tracking for 90 youth offenders and establish sites to provide these youth with service opportunities.

Site: **Missoula Aging Services, Missoula**

Supervisor: Kent Ellsworth

Volunteer Coordinator: Jayne Snow

Site Address: 227 West Front
Missoula, Montana 59802
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Project: The Volunteer Montana! Coordinator trained as an Elder Rights Ombudsman, then recruited and trained volunteers to provide independent living assistance and conflict resolution services for homebound elderly and the physically challenged of Missoula.

Volunteers prepare to make ornaments for a nursing home decorating project.

MONTANA
AMERICORPS*USA Tribal Programs

Blackfeet Health & Safety Corps

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Community Coordinator: Gaylene ArrowTop

The Blackfeet Health and Safety Corps has been established to provide education on health and safety issues and to assist those in need. Whether Corpsmembers are conducting home visits to safety and poison proof homes, making counseling referrals, providing assistance for local youth centers and public schools, or maintaining one on one interaction with those who desire health and safety training, they are getting things done in Montana. The mission of the Blackfeet Health and Safety Corps is to prevent injury, disability and death among youth and to assist the elderly and handicapped. Projects include writing home-safety checklists, safety proofing homes, building wheelchair ramps, tutoring young students from Browning's School District 9, providing them with information on safety, and teaching cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Corpsmembers are trained to assist the Tribal Medical Emergency Service, and are taught useful life skills such as writing resumes, public speaking, problem solving and conflict resolution.

"If you can't learn from your past, you have no future." - Bill Powell

"You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you do not try." - Michelle White Grass

Projects	Members
Elderly assistance such as shoveling walks, taking people shopping, or to the hospital for appointments. There has also been assistance to the elderly in the areas of cleaning homes and yards, and reading to them.	3
Chaperones and mentors for children. Children are taken camping, to sports events, swimming or a movie in an effort to help them establish drug and alcohol abuse-free lifestyle alternatives	
Providing school safety meetings through Blackfeet Youth Assistance Program in areas of safety for youth such as bicycle safety, crosswalk safety measures, being alert to strangers, and the use of 911.	
Referees, and crowd control assistance at sporting events.	20
Providing drivers for church activities.	1
Recertifying nursing staff	2
Construction of a Handicap Ramp for an elder who needed a ramp of enormous construction.	20
First Aid Camp	3
Assisted Blackfeet Indian Housing Authority in renovating homes for low income housing.	5
Spirit of the Circle-a training time to teach and learn about conflict resolution and Native American well-being.	3
Spirit of the Circle-assisted tenants at the center in cleaning inside and out.	4
Driving van and providing cooking.	20
Blackfeet Youth Assistance Program-repairing volleyball field.	1
Transported children to a camp on Flathead Lake.	3
Building handicap access ramp for an elder in the community.	6
Conducting youth basketball.	20
Pikuni Family Center-Cleaning.	8
Pikuni Family Center-Wood Cutting.	4
Role Modeling.	

Youth organization.	5
Emergency room aid.	2
Youth activity-scenery tour and sharing of stories in the outdoors.	3
First Response to a motor vehicle accident with injuries	3
Security supplied for the San Francisco 49ers while they played a benefit game for the Blackfeet people against the seniors from all High Line affiliated schools.	20
Health and safety practices.	2
CPR classes taught.	2
Pick-up and drop-off of twenty children to special activities.	4
Moving in to new center.	7

"I remember the different little faces coming to receive the presents on the toy drive day. It was nice to know we helped out the low income families." - Michelle Tailfeathers

"The experience I remember best is the time I was working in the Nurturing Center and one of the residents started to cry and hold on to me because they didn't want me to go. It really broke my heart." - Bethany Martin

"When I'm down or need inspiration, I just think there is always someone that has it worse than you. All you have to do is 'Hang in there'." - Jerald Tailfeathers

First Aid training for the Blackfeet Health and Safety Corps.

Blackfeet Health and safety Members construct a handicap access.

MONTANA
AMERICORPS*USA Tribal Programs

FORT BELKNAP PROGRAM

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AmeriCorps Members of the Fort Belknap Program function in many vital areas to get things done in Montana. Their projects include building picnic shelters and barbecue pits in an effort to rehabilitate parks and recreation areas, therefore increasing accessibility to natural sites. Corpsmembers completed a mapping project in which they assisted communities in naming and providing signs for their unmarked streets. They winterize homes for the elderly, and tutor Harlem High School students. Members are also assisting in the construction and programming of a community education radio station. This project has been very important because this station will serve all of North Central Montana, which has no method of widespread public communication. This station, KGVA, will reflect the diversity of the communities in North Central Montana. These communities are comprised of ranchers, farmers, Hutterites, Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Indian tribes. For example, KGVA may be able to broadcast Jazz or a Tribal music program depending on the communities' varying needs.

Finally, the Fort Belknap AmeriCorps Program has an average retention rate for its Corps Members. Thus, Fort Belknap has successfully seen 80% plus Members complete the AmeriCorps Program. The Fort Belknap Program emphasizes community service by utilizing traditional Native American traditions of community service. The Fort Belknap AmeriCorps Program is completing projects that will make an impact on the community long after the AmeriCorps members complete their term of service.

"I've gotten experience in all kinds of ways working with others and learning how a bunch of different tools work." - Tricia Shields

The Fort Belknap Native Americans are proud to be a part of the AmeriCorps program and are working on many projects to meet the needs of their area.

Members: 25

Projects: There were five beautification projects including cleaning up and cataloguing and mapping burial plots in Old Mission Cemetery, helping with numerous clean up days in Agency, planting living snow fence by the Agency dump, cleaning recreational sites a minimum of four times, and cleaning up the Agency and the Old Highway 2 Cemetery.

The rehabilitating and improving of the environment projects included these four areas: repairing of the Veteran's Park by the Tourism Building, pulling down old shelters by Snake Butte and Strike, seeding Hays School Park, and planting 145 acres of trees on Eagle Child Mountain for the Tribal Land Dept.

There were five building projects which included helping construct the new KGVA public radio station, helping construct the new multi-facility college building, building handicapped ramps at Hays Headstart, building Tribal Buffalo Corrals, and helping to improve the Hays and Dodson Headstarts.

Other rehabilitation projects were performed for two buildings. Roofing, weatherizing and insulation were provided for the John Capture Community Center. The Senior's Center for the Tribal Social Service Dept. received sanding, stripping, texturing and painting of its floors.

There were comprehensive mileage projects that completed several goals. Mile markers were placed on 54 miles of six roads in Valley, Hays and Lodgepole areas. Streets were named with the help of a contest and markers made in Lodgepole, Hays and other Agency areas, excepting the Half Town area where other road construction is planned.

Fort Belknap AmeriCorps Members' Winter Survival Class.

Community requested projects included the annual Halloween Carnival, distribution of 500 plus Christmas Food Baskets and two semi-trucks full of food for the Food Bank, and orchestrating the New Year's Eve All-Nighter. Members shoveled snow and cut wood for seniors, assisted with the Hays School Fun Runs, and worked for the Beaver Creek Youth Summer Camp.

Training for AmeriCorps Members included Red Cross Certification in First Aid and CPR, Red Cross Certification in Aids and HIV Education Awareness, and Conflict Resolution. Native American Topics, including a study of Fort Belknap Native Plants were part of Member training as well as Communication, Environment, Land Survey and Reading Legal Descriptions, and Safety Videos about use of hand tools, eye safety, and lifting. Health and P.E. class and issues, Leadership classes, and Teambuilding and the ROPES courses were also part of the training curriculum for Fort Belknap AmeriCorps Members.

"We've got it (the radio station) set up, and today they're pouring the foundation...We'll get to do local programs that are geared toward a local audience, so that'll be cool." - Chuck Mulluk

Fort Belknap — The roofing of the new public service radio station, KGVA.

MONTANA
AMERICORPS* USA National Direct Programs

AMERICORPS GREEN LIGHTS PROJECT PARTNERS

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AmeriCorps Members survey the lighting use in the schools and public buildings throughout Montana as a part of a Pacific Northwest regional effort. Members inventory the present lighting systems, then enter data into EPA Green Lights Program software to analyze lighting efficiency and quality. Recommendations for improvements are made to the building owners along with recommendation on ways to finance the improvements, and when to contract for professional engineering services. Energy savings will result in savings to the taxpayers of Montana. This program began in May of 1996 with two AmeriCorps Members. Up to six additional members will be added in the fall of 1996.

Site: Department of Commerce Building, Helena

Members: two

"When I first heard that famous quote from JFK's inaugural address, I promptly forgot it. However, as an AmeriCorps Member, working on and gaining knowledge from the Green Lights Project, I am so inspired as to create my own variation of this quote, "Ask what you can do for your country, and just watch what your country will do for you."- Anna Fitzgerald, Green Lights Program Member.

MONTANA
GETTING THINGS DONE-Action Planning Grants

Governor Marc Racicot awarded "Getting Things Done" grants to the communities of Butte-Silver Bow, Libby, Superior, Lewistown, Anaconda-Deerlodge, and Ravalli County on September 12, 1994. These communities were awarded funds to discuss and plan for more effective use of volunteer resources to solve their communities' most pressing needs.

In April of that year, the Governor's Office of Community Service announced the availability of small one-year grants from the Office of Community Services, designed to help medium and small Montana communities discuss and plan for the more effective use of local volunteer resources. Community applications came from the Mayor's Office or Board of County Commissioners and were supported by a large number of the local agencies involved in providing services in the areas of human needs, education, public safety, and the environment as well as community organizations and civic groups involved in providing volunteers or group projects in those areas.

This grant program is part of a growing awareness across the state and nation that volunteer citizen participation can play an important role toward getting things done in local communities. The word "volunteer" tends to call forth a variety of traditional images ranging from those who make coffee at meetings, to volunteer fire fighters, to civic center club projects, to church activities, and so on.

Today we can add to those traditional images and examples right here in Montana - volunteers serving regularly in law enforcement agencies and the judicial system doing routine, but 'real' police and court work: volunteers serving to promote local economics by being the principal staff resource to tourists information centers on major tourist travel routes; volunteers serving local school systems by providing support to teachers and administrators in financially strapped school districts.

In short, volunteers are helping taxpayers get more for their tax dollar, and helping to build their communities into healthy, liveable places to raise children, to work, to play -- and to stay.

"Let's go forward from the past - take negatives from the past and make them pluses for the future.: - GTD, Anaconda-Deerlodge Program"

GETTING THINGS DONE in Anaconda-Deer Lodge

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Since September 1994, Anaconda-Deer Lodge has held several public meetings to help formulate a vision process for the future. The total vision became divided into four areas: physical, economic, social and cultural, and education and youth. Committees worked with architect students from MSU to draw up plans to carry out the ideas that surfaced. The drawings from MSU were presented in a final report made available in September, 1995.

Two projects funded through "Getting Things Done" in Anaconda are the Downtown Tree Project for $3600 and the 'Anaconda Gateway to the Pintlers' sign for $3000. Around 400 volunteers worked to plant trees and set up grates in the downtown area to beautify the district. They also pitched in place a 'Gateway to the Pintlers' sign at the east entrance of Anaconda.

The one year "Getting Things Done" grant has generated a twenty year vision report for Anaconda-Deer Lodge County. Community public hearings continue in order to hold onto the vision and carry out community goals. In 1997, they plan to plant trees on two more blocks in the downtown area and continue to develop plans to beautify the area around the east entrance sign. They also plan to work with students, teachers, and parents to formulate a vision for the schools. As you can see, the seed has been planted and continues to grow.

GETTING THINGS DONE in Butte-Silver Bow

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Butte-Silver Bow used their "Getting Things Done" grant to set up a Volunteer Center. The Volunteer Center is administered by United Way of Butte. Two VISTA volunteers met with

several local organizations, the Superintendent of Schools and the Chief Executive Officer of Butte to inform them of and educate them on the center. In addition eighteen to twenty volunteers from the community, police department, and youth groups helped plan and set up the project.

GETTING THINGS DONE in Superior

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The volunteer output from Superior was terrific. They started a summer educational project, which included reading, writing and mathematics in conjunction with the summer community recreation and arts programs in June of 1995. Between forty and fifty students benefitted from these summer programs as well as from the educational software that was purchased with the grant money.

The "Getting Things Done" grant money also funded a volunteer project to dig trenches and install cable in the new school. The cable will enable the school to use telecommunications to offer educational courses.

These projects have been supported with such success that the final projects were completed strictly by volunteers donating time and services. The remaining money was used by volunteers to build dugouts at the baseball field.

GETTING THINGS DONE in Lewistown

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Lewistown received tremendous community input for the visioning process. Their number one goal was to implement Citizen Initiated Zoning Districts. Because of this concern, most of the grant money was allocated to help with this procedure. Another allocation covered some costs for a moderate and low income housing project.

The envisioning process initiated many changes in the community. Individual residents in neighborhoods have created their own zoning plans which the City Council have passed. Also, a member of the City Council Planning Committee was sent to Denver for Informed Consent training. This training is meant to help communities become proactive in the decision making process, not reactive. The city hired a private consultant to do a study to establish sites for low and moderate income housing in Central Montana and to find funding and grant resources. Other grant money was spent on travel to bring in experts for growth management, develop new area maps, and meet environmental and health needs established in the vision process.

City Council Planning Committee for Lewistown, Montana.

GETTING THINGS DONE in Libby

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A Volunteer Center was established with Libby Community Interagencies, Inc. (LCI) taking on the task of the Getting Things Done grant and the Volunteer Center. LCI has joined forces with the Libby Job Service and the Lincoln County Extension Office to post volunteer needs and to recruit volunteers. Of the seed money, $5000 was allocated to build a new ball field for Libby. The ballfield was identified as the greatest need.The process of Getting Things Done has been adopted by the community of Libby. The community is embracing volunteers even more than before to complete numerous community service projects. One hundred and fifty volunteers from the community have volunteered service and hundreds of school children have donated their Physical Education class time to help. A Volunteer Montana! AmeriCorps Member was applied for and awarded to Libby in order to continue the progress of the Getting Things Done grant.

GETTING THINGS DONE in Ravalli County

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Ravalli County prepared an RFP process and local entities were awarded funds ranging from $100 to $1,050. Projects varied from making quilts for babies by a Victor High School class to training the Sula Quick Response Unit. The Darby Public Library and Clubhouse was expanded and a bike path and band shell were built In addition, a computer-based volunteer clearinghouse matched volunteers with volunteer opportunities in each of the six towns in Ravalli County. In ten months, 68 volunteer were recruited to serve over 2300 hours in 40 volunteer organizations. A service learning program was implemented to facilitate projects for ten school classes or youth groups. These projects have mobilized 174 young people to provide services for the elderly, warm comforters for the homeless, a newsletter for "Getting Things Done", and a logo for the Multiple Sclerosis Walkathon.

Finally, a court-ordered community service placement program that has placed 37 community service workers in 26 volunteer organizations throughout Bitteroot Valley. Ravalli County also received a Volunteer Montana! Member to carry on the Getting Things Done grant progress and continue the vision.

MONTANA

LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA / School-Based K-12 Programs

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The Learn and Serve K-12 Program is a program designed for children in Kindergarten through 12th grade in an effort to promote academic and personal growth in young people through classroom instruction and community service. Learn and Serve encourages students to get things done, to strengthen their communities through service, and to develop their highest potential as productive members of society.

The Montana Office of Public Instruction continues to support eight K-12 school-based service learning projects across the state. These eight projects are located in Helena, Missoula, Broadus, Hardin, Bozeman, Billings, Missoula Target Range and Arlee. Over the past two years, 2650 young people and 286 adult volunteers have participated in service. The goals of the three year program remain to foster excellence in service learning among young people, and to support coordinated training and resource development at the local, state, and regional levels.

Site: **Missoula County Public Schools, District # 1**

Contact: Ginny Cass
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Projects: Recycling cardboard at school, stocking shelves at the local food bank, assistance with construction of Hospice House, home maintenance assistance to the elderly, community clean-up, volunteer at community hospital, and work with environmental issues such as bird habitat.

Site: **Joint School District # 8 - Arlee**

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Projects: Researching the broad issues of the controversial Yellowstone Pipeline, and presenting those findings to the community through a public meeting.

Site: **Hardin Public School District**

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Projects: Playground improvement, community landscaping, and cross-age mentoring program.

Site: **Powder River Company School District - Broadus**

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Projects: Recycling cardboard at school, fund raising to bring an Alaskan author to Broadus, writing and illustrating fables for 1st graders, cross-age tutoring, producing an audio walking tour for the local museum, producing a video on Mac McCurdy, painting and repairing benches for the school, and painting murals in the school.

"The confidence I've gained volunteering will help me for the rest of my life."
-Anonymous Student

Second Year Programs

Site: **Chief Joseph Middle School - Bozeman**

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Projects: Volunteering at the Bozeman Community Center for Seniors with activities to brighten their lives such as art projects, reading, play production, delivering pets for the day, and planning and participating in social activities.

Site: **Helena School District # 1**

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Projects: Floating and cleaning area streams, testing for water quality, and preparing artifacts illustrating service learning experience.

Site: **Target Range Elementary School - Missoula**

Contact: Holly Razor
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Projects: Assisting city and county officials plan, design, and develop community consensus to implement a bicycle/pedestrian pathway network. Presenting displays of the various bicycle/pedestrian path design proposals at a public meeting.

Site: **Canyon Creek School District # 4 - Billings**

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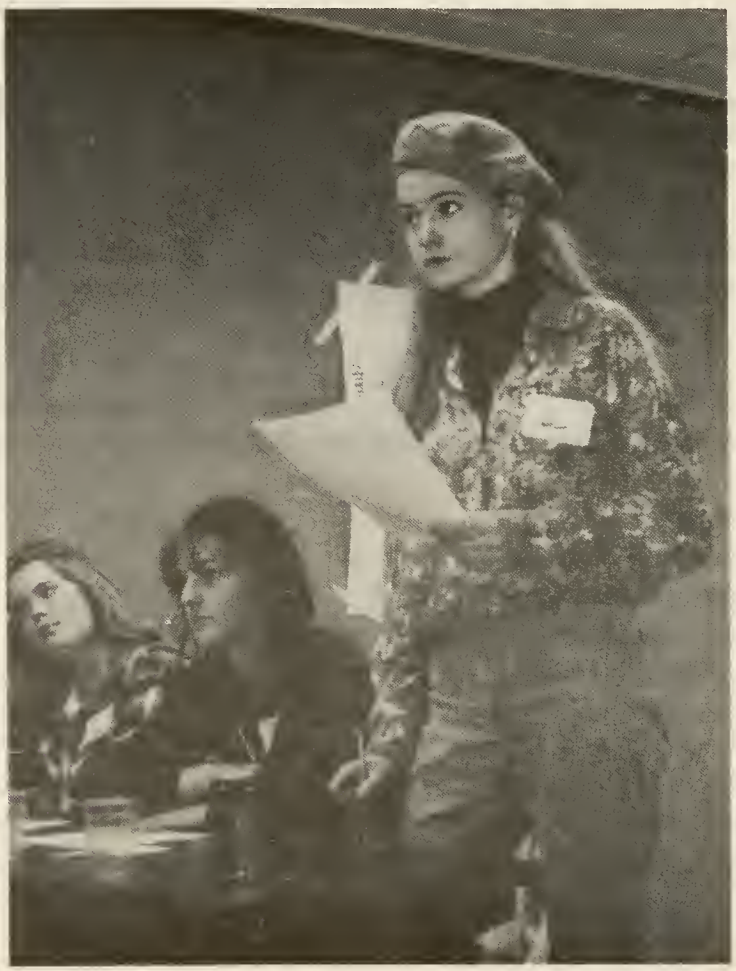
Projects: Building and maintaining public trails along the Yellowstone River, and developing thematic notebook of teaching and learning units based on the project.

"I have become more aware of what things are really important in life, and what just sort of fades into the background. I have learned that when you help someone, or something, it brings on a feeling of self-worth and accomplishment..." - Anonymous Student



Reporting action plans in a Service Learning Project at a Student Forum in Helena.

MONTANA
LEARN AND SERVE-Higher Education

Montana Campus Compact

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The Montana Campus Compact is a coalition of universities and colleges established to integrate community service into the curriculum and to make it a focal point throughout the undergraduate experience. Participating campuses work closely with public schools and non-profit organizations to determine their needs and engage students in serving those needs by encouraging faculty to redesign existing courses by including community service as an integral part of the course content. Similarly, public service is fostered among student groups who have an interest in civic affairs and community development. These real world experiences introduce students to civic involvement and lay the foundation for a deeper sense of responsibility and public service awareness.

Campus: **Helena College of Technology / University of Montana**

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Projects: As a college of technology, the campus has been developing projects that address the community's unmet needs for many years. Some of these projects include: building bleachers for local schools; building ramps for the disabled; and refurbishing computers and donating them to Avon and Elliston school.

Campus: **Blackfeet Community College - Browning**

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Projects: The primary goal of Blackfeet Community College is to truly serve as a "community" college. Projects that connect the campus and tribal elders with elementary and secondary students have helped to pass down stories that preserve cultural practices and the Blackfeet language. Last year, the campus contributed over 660 hours to the community, helping it to become an institution that unites the community toward preserving the common good.

Campus: **Flathead Valley Community College - Kalispell**

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Projects: Flathead Valley Community College has been making public service the cornerstone of the undergraduate experience. With a group of faculty committed to integrating public service into their existing courses, the college developed a community recycling program; developed a course that studied the economic feasibility of waste flow management; delivered art and history education to local and rural schools; and served the needs of the Agency on Aging, Citizens For A Better Flathead, and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

"The lessons we remember the longest are learned with our hands and our hearts."
-S.G., a MT Campus Corps volunteer

Campus: **Montana State University - Bozeman**

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Projects: Bozeman has taken public service and undergraduate education to new heights. Faculty teaching in the departments of Architecture, Business, Geography, Earth Sciences, Health and Human Development, and Physics have served the community by making service an integral part of their existing curricula. This, in conjunction with special projects that have originated from the Office of Student Involvement, helped to generate approximately 12,00 hours of service last year.

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."
- Arthur Ashe

Campus: **Montana State University College of Technology - Great Falls**

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Projects: As the newest member to the Compact consortium, the college is beginning to develop additional ways to serve the Great Falls community. The campus recently adopted an action plan that establishes specific goals and objectives that will help put public service at the forefront of the educational experience.

Campus: **Montana State University / Northern - Havre**

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Projects: Over 100 volunteers were mobilized through Montana Campus Compact to participate in three food drives, to make and sell note cards to raise money for scholarships and to organize several clean up and maintenance days for a lodge and two elementary schools in Havre. Last year the campus generated approximately 600 hours of service to the Havre community.

"I think Service Learning is a valuable means of completing the education of students, which is to prepare us to make a living and to be good citizens." - Anonymous Campus Corps Volunteer

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Projects: The Montana Campus Compact student volunteers completed three projects in the 1995-96 academic year. The first project, entitled Mines and Minds, involved volunteers from the Marcus Daily Mining Club visiting local schools and educating students about the importance of mining in our world today. Over 200 students were reached by this effort. The second project was designed by the Chemistry Club to promote awareness in the Butte community. During National Chemistry Awareness Week the Club held demonstrations of chemistry experiments. The third project was a Consolidation of Community Needs Assessments. Two Montana Tech students volunteered their summer to gather information about community needs, and consolidated and sent the information to 200 social service agencies in the Butte-Silver Bow community.

Campus: **Salish Kootenai College - Pablo**

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Projects: The college recently made public service a requirement for graduation. Similar commitments have been made by the faculty as curriculum-related projects have been developed that provide health screenings to the elderly and the uninsured; tested the level of radon in local homes; provide mentoring and tutoring for area youth; and restore the native culture and language. Similarly, the campus provides a summer camp for area youth that utilizes the skills of tribal elders and student volunteers. The campus recently received a large grant from the Hitachi Foundation that works to improve communtiy service between the campus and the private sector.

Campus: **The University of Great Falls**

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Projects: In fulfillment of its mission, the University strives to develop a student body who will have a positive impact on the world and the communities in which they live and work. Camp Sky Child, a camp for children whose parents are incarcerated was developed two years ago, and along with Camp Hope, a camp for victims of domestic violence, both work to address the needs of children and families through student involvement. The Office of Service Learning has helped to develop courses that provide mentoring and tutoring for at-risk youth; helped to renovate a transitional housing unit; and provided educational outreach to elementary and secondary school systems. The University has also been very successful in generating a campus culture that encourages and promotes public service.

Campus: **The University of Montana - Missoula**

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Projects: One of the University's more successful community service projects paired faculty, students, and alumni with the Student Social Work Association to help weatherize the homes of senior citizens and the disabled. Similarly, faculty in the departments of Communication, Health and Human Performance, Social Work, and Psychology developed courses to provide health education to seniors and education to children who are homeless or disabled.

"My experience...has given me a different attitude towards life. I now realize that all of us have the ability to make a difference." - J.B., a Montana Campus Compact volunteer

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Projects: The college recently developed a mission statement that embodies public service and education as lifelong activities. Approximately one-third of Westerns faculty teach courses that integrate community service into the curriculum. Over the last year, the campus contributed over 1,500 hours of service to the community, promoting education in rural schools; serving the needs and providing business services to the local food pantry. Moreover, the campus expanded the meaning of public service and education by encouraging it among college athletes.

MONTANA
AMERICORPS*VISTA PROGRAMS

The Montana AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteers work in conjunction with already established programs in the communities in which they operate, whereas AmeriCorps*USA gives direct service to communities. This year, AmeriCorps*VISTA volunteers are participating in coordinating many worthwhile community efforts. Through their involvement, much more can be accomplished in these already seasoned projects. The volunteers spend much of their time analyzing problems that exist, strengths and weaknesses within programs, and institute changes that will give optimum service to the communities in which these programs operate. This year, the VISTA Volunteers are working in Energy Share of Montana, Montana Legal Services, Montana State University Family Literacy, Homeward Bound and working in conjunction with the Helena Department of Public Health and Human Services. In each project, Volunteers work to problem-solve, to access and prepare for possible emergency situations-from assisting the homeless in Homeward Bound to helping disadvantaged individuals learn to read, VISTA volunteers are getting things done in Montana.

Site: **Helena**

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Members: three

Project: The Department of Health and Human Services is the state agency responsible for development and delivery of human services and health programs in the state of Montana. There is a wide range of preventive programs that operate within this department. VISTAs are collecting data to be used in formulating local programs to help those caught in ongoing cycles of abuse. These cycles of abuse can be defined as substance abuse, child abuse, spouse abuse, and poor perinatal care, all of which contribute to family low incomes and poverty.

"It's a year which will enrich your life. It opens your eyes to a whole new world." - Yung Hae Kim, VISTA volunteer working in a rural elementary school

Site: **Bozeman**

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Member: one

Project: The goal of VISTA volunteers in the state of Montana is to work with two existing literacy councils/boards to increase their fund development activities, and to strengthen and expand their efforts to end illiteracy in Montana. In addition, the VISTA will also work with four developing literacy programs to give them good foundations to expand adult tutoring components, and build a strong base for community support in offering literacy programs.

Site: **Helena**

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Members: two

Project: There are two main focuses of the VISTA Volunteers who will be working as attorneys with Montana Legal Services. One focus is on disabled children who could obtain from Social Security benefits in providing for care for their special needs. Public awareness must be obtained through use of the public school system and other channels so that these children have their problems addressed. The second focus is on domestic abuse. Eastern Montana will be benefitting from the setting up of several domestic abuse shelters, and Attorneys will be educated about how to help those who need restraining orders and other legal assistance.

Site: **Helena**

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Members: four

Project: This VISTA project will focus on working to raise resources for the fuel fund. The fund will give 100% of resources raised to low income families for the purpose of providing heat for their homes during our long Montana winters. VISTAs will also encourage the low-income to work on governing their lives and expressing their concerns and needs to the public in an effort to improve their lives.

Site: **Butte**

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Members: seven

Project: Homeward Bound AmeriCorps*VISTAs will be assisting those who are homeless, and unable to obtain help through existing services. AmeriCorps*VISTAS will work with Habitat For Humanity to supply more affordable low income housing, and work with the families (mostly women and children) to educate them on how to be reintegrated into a functioning capacity in our economy. The latter involves continued development of business enterprise, job training, and training on how to obtain affordable child care.

MONTANA
NATIONAL SENIOR SERVICE CORPS

RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) encourages people who are 55 or older to find service opportunities in their communities. RSVP strives to involve Senior citizens in service that matches their experience and personal interests. The program has a wide range of involvement which includes tutoring youth, serving as citizen patrols of local police departments, helping people with their taxes, serving as hospital volunteers, and planning community gardens.

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"I feel better when I leave because I helped someone." - RSVP volunteer Viola Solomon

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Site: **Wolf Point**

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SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

The Senior Companion Program provides assistance and friendship to elderly individuals who are homebound and usually living alone. People 60 and over take care of simple chores for these individuals, provide transportation to medical appointments, and offer contact from the outside world. Senior Companion often provide the essential services that prevent older Americans from having to enter nursing homes. They also give respite care to relieve live-in caretakers for short periods of time.

Site: **Helena**

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Site: **Missoula**

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FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

The Foster Grandparents Program gives senior citizens the opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers for children and youth with special needs. They serve in community organizations such as schools, hospitals, and youth centers. They offer emotional support to children who have been abused and neglected. Foster Grandparents mentor troubled teenagers and young mothers, and care for premature infants and children with physical handicaps. Foster Grandparents are building bridges across generations in our communities.

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Site: **Helena**

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"I love my Grandmother az much az I love my chicken" - Anonymous child in the Foster Grandparents Program

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